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Redevelopment Board Minutes 04/03/2006

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of April 3, 2006

Members Present: Edward T. M. Tsoi
Roland E. Chaput
Christopher P. Loreti

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien
Laura Weiner

Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened the public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments. One person, Patricia Worden, was present for the hearing. The first proposed article (Article 5) concerned the creation of a cluster development use. It was proposed by the ARB in order to provide some flexibility in the development of lots which can accommodate two or more housing units by allowing the adjustment of dimensions or type of units in order to preserve open space or significant buildings. Ms. Worden commented that the reasons for creating the use were not adequate to justify the risks of more flexibility. Board members expressed some caution about the breadth of the proposal and asked that the scope be limited somewhat. Staff was instructed to propose some limitation on the proposal before the Board votes its recommendation to Town Meeting.

The Board next took up Article 6 concerning parking in the Open Space District. Chris Loreti brought up the concern that if a parking lot does not require a building permit, the special permit will not be subject to environmental design review as the Board had intended. The Board asked staff to check with the Building Inspector to see if a parking lot requires a building permit. If it does not, the sentiment was to postpone the article.

The Board then heard from Mike Logan of the Historic Districts Commission regarding the proposal to expand the Pleasant Street Historic District. The proposed expansion will add eight properties on Oak Knoll to the district and the Board was told that all the property owners were in favor of their inclusion. Chris Loreti moved that the Board support the expansion of the district, Roland Chaput seconded the motion and the Board voted 3 to 0 in favor.

The Board then considered the minutes of the March 29 meeting and on a motion by Roland Chaput, seconded by Chris Loreti voted 3 to 0 to approve the minutes as amended.

The Board then took up a request under new business. E. A. Fish Associates, developer of the Symmes project asked that the Board approve Dellbrook Construction as the construction contractor for the project. In accordance with Section 5(b) of the Land Disposition Agreement for the project, the Board voted 3 to 0 in favor on a motion by Roland Chaput, seconded by Chris Loreti to approve Dellbrook Construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin J. O'Brien